



# ACOTE Grants OTD Program Full Accreditation Status

The entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program at the Department of Occupational Therapy of Nova Southeastern University, Tampa successfully completed its third and final step toward initial accreditation. A team of reviewers performed the rigorous onsite visit and interviewed all faculty, administration, staff, representatives from the Classes of 2015 & 2016, the department's professional advisory council, and field-work educators on March 10—12, 2014. Other key people who participated during the onsite process represented several representatives from the university and college administration to Tampa regional campus operations and technology support personnel.



History in the making  
*Screenshot of Skype and face-to-face OTD student participants during ACOTE interview*

The vision for the program came to fruition as an innovative entry-level doctoral program in occupational therapy that applies the hybrid, or blended model of delivery, accepting its inaugural class of 2015 during the Summer 2012 term. Cutting edge technology has optimized teaching and learning experiences, virtual and real time exchange and interactive environments while creating many types of presences and nurturing opportunities. As the department combines traditional, contemporary and emerging approaches to occupational therapy interventions, it stays faithful to the core values and ethical standards of the profession and the university.

The OTD program is now fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) which is located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P. O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20804-1220. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-(AOTA)

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**OTDNews** informs supporters and students of the Department of Occupational Therapy of Nova Southeastern University in Tampa about events related to its entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program.

Our mission and vision are consistent with Nova Southeastern University, and through innovative curricular design and delivery model, the OTD program prepares qualified students to become successful occupational therapy practitioners, managers, and leaders as generalists with beginning specialization in a selected practice area.